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The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. HARTLEY, J. of the 15th Dist. and SEN. FRANTZ, L. of the 36th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-230 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

3 As used in sections 4-230 to 4-236, inclusive:

4 (1) "Cognizant agency" means a state agency which is assigned by
5 the secretary the responsibility for implementing the requirements of
6 sections 4-230 to 4-236, inclusive;

7 (2) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
8 Management;

9 (3) "State financial assistance" means assistance that a nonstate
10 entity receives or administers which is provided by a state agency or
11 pass-through entity in the form of grants, contracts, loans, loan
12 guarantees, property, cooperative agreements, interest subsidies,
13 insurance or direct appropriations, but does not include direct state
14 cash assistance to individuals or payments to a vendor;

15 (4) "State agency" means any department, board, commission,
16 institution or other agency of the state;

17 (5) "Generally accepted accounting principles" has the meaning
18 specified in the generally accepted auditing standards issued by the
19 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA);

20 (6) "Generally accepted government auditing standards" (GAGAS)
21 means the generally accepted government auditing standards issued
22 by the Comptroller General of the United States that are applicable to
23 financial audits;

24 (7) "Independent auditor" means a public accountant who is
25 licensed to practice in the state and meets the independence standards
26 included in generally accepted government auditing standards;

27 (8) "Internal controls" means a process, effected by an entity's board
28 of directors, management and other personnel, designed to provide
29 reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in: (A)
30 Reliability of financial reporting, (B) effectiveness and efficiency of
31 operations, and (C) compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

32 (9) "Municipality" means a town, consolidated town and city,
33 consolidated town and borough, city or borough, including a local
34 board of education as described in subsection (c) of section 7-392;

35 (10) "Audited agency" means a district, as defined in section 7-324,
36 the Metropolitan District of Hartford County, a regional board of
37 education, a regional council of governments [,] or any other political
38 subdivision of similar character which is created or any other agency
39 created or designated by a municipality to act for such municipality
40 whose annual receipts from all sources exceed one million dollars; [or
41 any tourism district established under section 10-397;]

42 (11) "Nonprofit agency" means any organization that is not a for-
43 profit business and provides services contracted for by (A) the state or
44 (B) a nonstate entity. It also means private institutions of higher
45 learning which receive state financial assistance;

46 (12) "Major state program" means any program, excluding an
47 exempt program, determined to be a major state program by the
48 independent auditor pursuant to the requirements of the risk-based
49 approach, provided such requirements shall (A) encompass factors
50 consistent with requirements established by the United States Office of
51 Management and Budget, and (B) include, but not be limited to,
52 current and prior audit experience, oversight by state agencies and
53 pass-through entities and the risk inherent in state programs;

54 (13) "Public accountant" means an individual who meets the
55 standards included in generally accepted government auditing
56 standards for personnel performing government audits and the
57 licensing requirements of the State Board of Accountancy;

58 (14) "Subrecipient" means a nonstate entity that receives state
59 financial assistance from a pass-through entity, but does not include an
60 individual who receives such assistance;

61 [(15) "Tourism district" means a district established under section
62 10-397;]

63 [(16)] (15) "Nonstate entity" means a municipality, [tourism district,]
64 audited agency or nonprofit agency;

65 [(17)] (16) "Pass-through entity" means a nonstate entity that
66 provides state financial assistance to a subrecipient;

67 [(18)] (17) "Program-specific audit" means an audit of a single state
68 program conducted in accordance with the regulations adopted under
69 section 4-236;

70 [(19)] (18) "Expended" and "expenditures" have the meanings
71 attributed to those terms in generally accepted accounting principles,
72 except that (A) state financial assistance received which does not
73 specify a required use shall be assumed to be fully expended in the
74 fiscal year of receipt, and (B) exempt programs shall be assumed to be
75 expended in the fiscal year that the state financial assistance is
76 received;

77 [(20)] (19) "Exempt program" means any state program designated
78 to be exempt by the secretary after consultation with the Auditors of
79 Public Accounts and the commissioner of the state agency that
80 awarded the state financial assistance;

81 [(21)] (20) "Vendor" means a dealer, distributor, merchant or other
82 seller providing goods or services that are required for the conduct of a
83 state program. Such goods or services may be for an organization's
84 own use or for the use of beneficiaries of the state program; and

85 [(22)] (21) "Single audit" means an audit, as provided in section 4-
86 235, that encompasses an entity's financial statements and state
87 financial assistance.

88 Sec. 2. Subsection (i) of section 5-259 of the 2018 supplement to the
89 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
90 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

91 (i) The Comptroller may provide for coverage of employees of
92 municipalities, nonprofit corporations, community action agencies and
93 small employers and individuals eligible for a health coverage tax
94 credit, retired members or members of an association for personal care
95 assistants under the plan or plans procured under subsection (a) of this
96 section, provided: (1) Participation by each municipality, nonprofit
97 corporation, community action agency, small employer, eligible
98 individual, retired member or association for personal care assistants
99 shall be on a voluntary basis; (2) where an employee organization
100 represents employees of a municipality, nonprofit corporation,
101 community action agency or small employer, participation in a plan or
102 plans to be procured under subsection (a) of this section shall be by
103 mutual agreement of the municipality, nonprofit corporation,
104 community action agency or small employer and the employee
105 organization only and neither party may submit the issue of
106 participation to binding arbitration except by mutual agreement if
107 such binding arbitration is available; (3) no group of employees shall
108 be refused entry into the plan by reason of past or future health care
109 costs or claim experience; (4) rates paid by the state for its employees

110 under subsection (a) of this section are not adversely affected by this
111 subsection; (5) administrative costs to the plan or plans provided
112 under this subsection shall not be paid by the state; (6) participation in
113 the plan or plans in an amount determined by the state shall be for the
114 duration of the period of the plan or plans, or for such other period as
115 mutually agreed by the municipality, nonprofit corporation,
116 community action agency, small employer, retired member or
117 association for personal care assistants and the Comptroller; and (7)
118 nothing in this section or section 12-202a, 38a-551 or 38a-556 shall be
119 construed as requiring a participating insurer or health care center to
120 issue individual policies to individuals eligible for a health coverage
121 tax credit. The coverage provided under this section may be referred to
122 as the "Municipal Employee Health Insurance Plan". The Comptroller
123 may arrange and procure for the employees and eligible individuals
124 under this subsection health benefit plans that vary from the plan or
125 plans procured under subsection (a) of this section. Notwithstanding
126 any provision of part V of chapter 700c, the coverage provided under
127 this subsection may be offered on either a fully underwritten or risk-
128 pooled basis at the discretion of the Comptroller. For the purposes of
129 this subsection, (A) "municipality" means any town, city, borough,
130 school district, taxing district, fire district, district department of
131 health, probate district, housing authority, regional work force
132 development board established under section 31-3k, regional
133 emergency telecommunications center, [tourism district established
134 under section 32-302,] flood commission or authority established by
135 special act, regional council of governments, transit district formed
136 under chapter 103a, or the Children's Center established by number
137 571 of the public acts of 1969; (B) "nonprofit corporation" means (i) a
138 nonprofit corporation organized under 26 USC 501 that has a contract
139 with the state or receives a portion of its funding from a municipality,
140 the state or the federal government, or (ii) an organization that is tax
141 exempt pursuant to 26 USC 501(c)(5); (C) "community action agency"
142 means a community action agency, as defined in section 17b-885; (D)
143 "small employer" means a small employer, as defined in section 38a-
144 564; (E) "eligible individuals" or "individuals eligible for a health

145 coverage tax credit" means individuals who are eligible for the credit
146 for health insurance costs under Section 35 of the Internal Revenue
147 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
148 of the United States, as from time to time amended, in accordance with
149 the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; (F) "association for personal
150 care assistants" means an organization composed of personal care
151 attendants who are employed by recipients of service (i) under the
152 home-care program for the elderly under section 17b-342, (ii) under the
153 personal care assistance program under section 17b-605a, (iii) in an
154 independent living center pursuant to sections 17b-613 to 17b-615,
155 inclusive, or (iv) under the program for individuals with acquired
156 brain injury as described in section 17b-260a; and (G) "retired
157 members" means individuals eligible for a retirement benefit from the
158 Connecticut municipal employees' retirement system.

159 Sec. 3. Section 7-425 of the general statutes is repealed and the
160 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

161 The following words and phrases as used in this part, except as
162 otherwise provided, shall have the following meanings:

163 (1) "Municipality" means any town, city, borough, school district,
164 regional school district, taxing district, fire district, district department
165 of health, probate district, housing authority, regional work force
166 development board established under section 31-3k, regional
167 emergency telecommunications center, [tourism district established
168 under section 10-397,] flood commission or authority established by
169 special act or regional council of governments;

170 (2) "Participating municipality" means any municipality that has
171 accepted this part, as provided in section 7-427;

172 (3) "Legislative body" means, for towns having a town council, the
173 council; for other towns, the selectmen; for cities, the common council
174 or other similar body of officials; for boroughs, the warden and
175 burgesses; for regional school districts, the regional board of
176 education; for district departments of health, the board of the district;

177 for probate districts, the judge of probate; for regional councils of
178 governments, the council; for regional emergency telecommunications
179 centers, a representative board; [for tourism districts, the board of
180 directors of such tourism district;] and in all other cases the body
181 authorized by the general statutes or by special act to make ordinances
182 for the municipality;

183 (4) "Retirement Commission" means the State Retirement
184 Commission created by chapter 66;

185 (5) "Member" means any regular employee or elective officer
186 receiving pay from a participating municipality, and any regular
187 employee of a free public library that receives part or all of its income
188 from municipal appropriation, who has been included by such
189 municipality in the pension plan as provided in section 7-427, but shall
190 not include any person who customarily works less than twenty hours
191 a week if such person entered employment after September 30, 1969,
192 any police officer or firefighter who will attain the compulsory
193 retirement age after less than five years of continuous service in fund
194 B, any teacher who is eligible for membership in the state teachers
195 retirement system, any person eligible for membership in any pension
196 system established by or under the authority of any special act or of a
197 charter adopted under the provisions of chapter 99, or any person
198 holding a position funded in whole or in part by the federal
199 government as part of any public service employment program, on-
200 the-job training program or work experience program, provided
201 persons holding such federally funded positions on July 1, 1978, shall
202 not be excluded from membership but may elect to receive a refund of
203 their accumulated contributions without interest;

204 (6) "Pay" means the salary, wages or earnings of an employee,
205 including any payments received pursuant to chapter 568 and the
206 money value as determined by the Retirement Commission of any
207 board, lodging, fuel or laundry provided for such employee by the
208 municipality but not including any fees or allowances for expenses;

209 (7) "Fund" and "fund B" means the Connecticut Municipal

210 Employees' Retirement Fund B;

211 (8) "Continuous service" and "service" means active service as a
212 member, or active service prior to becoming a member if such service
213 (A) was in a department for which participation was subsequently
214 accepted and not subsequently withdrawn, (B) was continuous to the
215 date of becoming a member except service for which credit is granted
216 pursuant to section 7-436a, and (C) would have been as a member if
217 the department had then been participating, all subject to the
218 provisions of section 7-434;

219 (9) "System" means the Old Age and Survivors Insurance System
220 under Title II of the Social Security Act, as amended;

221 (10) "Social Security Act" means the Act of Congress, approved
222 August 14, 1935, Chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, officially cited as the Social
223 Security Act, including regulations and requirements issued pursuant
224 thereto, as such act has been and may from time to time be amended;

225 (11) "Regional emergency telecommunications center" means any
226 entity authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
227 Protection as a public safety answering point responsible for the
228 receipt and processing of 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities.

229 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 10-392 of the general statutes is
230 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
231 *1, 2018*):

232 (b) The department shall:

233 (1) Market and promote Connecticut as a destination for leisure and
234 business travelers through the development and implementation of a
235 strategic state-wide marketing plan and provision of visitor services to
236 enhance the economic impact of the tourism industry;

237 (2) Promote the arts;

238 (3) Recognize, protect, preserve and promote historic resources;

239 (4) Interpret and present Connecticut's history and culture;

240 (5) Promote Connecticut as a location in which to produce digital
241 media and motion pictures and to establish and conduct business
242 related to the digital media and motion picture industries to enhance
243 these industries' economic impact in the state;

244 [(6) Establish a uniform financial reporting system and forms to be
245 used by each regional tourism district, established under section 10-
246 397, in the preparation of the annual budget submitted to the General
247 Assembly;]

248 [(7)] (6) Integrate funding and programs whenever possible; and

249 [(8)] (7) On or before January 1, 2012, and biennially thereafter,
250 develop and submit to the Governor and the General Assembly, in
251 accordance with section 11-4a, a strategic plan to implement
252 subdivisions (1) to (5), inclusive, of this subsection.

253 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-393 of the general statutes is
254 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
255 *1, 2018*):

256 (a) There shall be a Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee
257 which shall consist of twenty-eight voting members and nonvoting ex-
258 officio members. Such ex-officio members shall be the executive
259 directors of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and the
260 Connecticut Humanities Council, the State Poet Laureate, the State
261 Historian and the State Archaeologist. The State Poet Laureate, the
262 State Historian and the State Archaeologist shall serve as members
263 without being appointed and without receiving compensation for such
264 service. The remaining twenty-three members shall be appointed as
265 follows:

266 (1) The Governor shall appoint seven members: (A) One member
267 shall be an individual with knowledge of and experience in the
268 tourism industry from within the state; (B) three members shall be
269 individuals with knowledge of or experience or interest in history or

270 humanities; (C) one member shall be an individual with knowledge of
271 or experience or interest in the arts; and (D) two members shall be
272 selected at large.

273 (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three
274 members: (A) One member shall be an individual with knowledge of
275 and experience in the tourism industry; [from the western regional
276 tourism district, established under section 10-397;] (B) one member
277 shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in
278 history or humanities; and (C) one member shall be an individual with
279 knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts.

280 (3) The president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint three
281 members: (A) One member shall be an individual with knowledge of
282 and experience in the tourism industry; [from the central regional
283 tourism district, established under section 10-397;] (B) one member
284 shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in
285 history or humanities; and (C) one member shall be an individual with
286 knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts.

287 (4) The majority leader of the House of Representatives shall
288 appoint two members: (A) One member shall be an individual with
289 knowledge of and experience in the tourism industry; [from the central
290 regional tourism district, established under section 10-397;] and (B) one
291 member shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or
292 interest in the arts.

293 (5) The majority leader of the Senate shall appoint two members: (A)
294 One member shall be an individual with knowledge of and experience
295 in the tourism industry; [from the eastern regional tourism district;]
296 and (B) one member shall be an individual with knowledge of or
297 experience or interest in the arts.

298 (6) The minority leader of the House of Representatives shall
299 appoint three members: (A) One member shall be an individual with
300 knowledge of and experience in the tourism industry; [from within the
301 state;] (B) one member shall be an individual with knowledge of or

302 experience or interest in history or humanities; and (C) one member
303 shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in
304 the arts.

305 (7) The minority leader of the Senate shall appoint three members:
306 (A) One member shall be an individual with knowledge of and
307 experience in the tourism industry; [from the western regional tourism
308 district, established under section 10-397;] (B) one member shall be an
309 individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in history or
310 humanities; and (C) one member shall be an individual with
311 knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts.

312 Sec. 6. Section 10-396 of the general statutes is repealed and the
313 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

314 With respect to tourism activities, the Department of Economic and
315 Community Development shall:

316 (1) Develop, annually update and implement a strategic marketing
317 plan for the national and international promotion of Connecticut as a
318 tourism destination;

319 (2) Develop a Connecticut strategic plan for new tourism products
320 and attractions;

321 (3) Provide marketing and other assistance to the tourism industry;

322 (4) [Ensure cooperation among the regional tourism districts]
323 Encourage and facilitate cooperation among members of the state's
324 tourism industry;

325 (5) Within available appropriations, maintain, operate and manage
326 the visitor welcome centers in the state;

327 (6) Develop and administer a program of challenge grants to
328 encourage innovation and job development, provide incentives for
329 coordinated activity consistent with the strategic marketing plan and
330 stimulate the development of private funds for tourism promotion;

331 and

332 (7) Subject to available funds, assist municipalities to accommodate
333 tourist attractions within such municipalities or within neighboring or
334 adjoining municipalities.

335 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 10-399 of the general statutes is
336 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
337 *1, 2018*):

338 (b) Within available appropriations, the following measures shall be
339 implemented to enhance the operation of visitor welcome centers:

340 (1) Each center shall make available space for listing events and
341 promoting attractions, by invitation to the Connecticut tourism
342 industry, including [tourism districts,] chambers of commerce and any
343 other tourism entities involved in Connecticut tourism promotion;

344 (2) The Department of Economic and Community Development, in
345 consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall develop
346 plans for (A) consistent signage for the visitor welcome centers, and (B)
347 highway signage regulations for privately operated centers;

348 (3) The Department of Transportation and the Department of
349 Economic and Community Development shall establish an "Adopt A
350 Visitor Welcome Center" program, under which local civic
351 organizations may provide maintenance, gardening, including
352 wildflowers, and complimentary refreshments or any other type of
353 service at a visitor welcome center to enhance the operation of the
354 center;

355 (4) The Department of Economic and Community Development
356 shall place a full-time year-round supervisor and a part-time assistant
357 supervisor at the Danbury, Darien, North Stonington and West
358 Willington centers. The responsibilities of each supervisor shall
359 include, but not be limited to: (A) Maintaining a sufficient inventory of
360 up-to-date brochures for dissemination to visitors, (B) scheduling staff
361 so as to assure coverage at all times, (C) training staff, (D) compiling

362 and maintaining statistics on center usage, (E) serving as liaison
363 between the department, the Department of Transportation [, the
364 tourism district in which the center is located] and businesses in [such
365 district] the surrounding area, (F) maintaining quality tourism services,
366 (G) rotating displays, (H) evaluating staff, (I) problem-solving, and (J)
367 computing travel reimbursements for volunteer staff;

368 (5) Subject to available funds, the Department of Economic and
369 Community Development shall place a seasonal full-time supervisor
370 and a seasonal part-time assistant supervisor at the Greenwich and
371 Westbrook centers. The department shall discontinue staffing at the
372 Middletown, Plainfield and Wallingford centers, and shall, in
373 conjunction with the tourism industry, seek contract workers to
374 provide tourism services at the Westbrook center when not staffed by
375 the state;

376 (6) Subject to available funds, the Department of Economic and
377 Community Development, in conjunction with the tourism industry,
378 shall develop and implement initial staff training and conduct periodic
379 training of full-time and part-time supervisors.

380 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the 2018 supplement to the
381 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
382 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

383 (b) The commissioner may disclose (1) returns or return information
384 to (A) an authorized representative of another state agency or office,
385 upon written request by the head of such agency or office, when
386 required in the course of duty or when there is reasonable cause to
387 believe that any state law is being violated, or (B) an authorized
388 representative of an agency or office of the United States, upon written
389 request by the head of such agency or office, when required in the
390 course of duty or when there is reasonable cause to believe that any
391 federal law is being violated, provided no such agency or office shall
392 disclose such returns or return information, other than in a judicial or
393 administrative proceeding to which such agency or office is a party
394 pertaining to the enforcement of state or federal law, as the case may

395 be, in a form which can be associated with, or otherwise identify,
396 directly or indirectly, a particular taxpayer except that the names and
397 addresses of jurors or potential jurors and the fact that the names were
398 derived from the list of taxpayers pursuant to chapter 884 may be
399 disclosed by the Judicial Branch; (2) returns or return information to
400 the Auditors of Public Accounts, when required in the course of duty
401 under chapter 23; (3) returns or return information to tax officers of
402 another state or of a Canadian province or of a political subdivision of
403 such other state or province or of the District of Columbia or to any
404 officer of the United States Treasury Department or the United States
405 Department of Health and Human Services, authorized for such
406 purpose in accordance with an agreement between this state and such
407 other state, province, political subdivision, the District of Columbia or
408 department, respectively, when required in the administration of taxes
409 imposed under the laws of such other state, province, political
410 subdivision, the District of Columbia or the United States, respectively,
411 and when a reciprocal arrangement exists; (4) returns or return
412 information in any action, case or proceeding in any court of
413 competent jurisdiction, when the commissioner or any other state
414 department or agency is a party, and when such information is directly
415 involved in such action, case or proceeding; (5) returns or return
416 information to a taxpayer or its authorized representative, upon
417 written request for a return filed by or return information on such
418 taxpayer; (6) returns or return information to a successor, receiver,
419 trustee, executor, administrator, assignee, guardian or guarantor of a
420 taxpayer, when such person establishes, to the satisfaction of the
421 commissioner, that such person has a material interest which will be
422 affected by information contained in such returns or return
423 information; (7) information to the assessor or an authorized
424 representative of the chief executive officer of a Connecticut
425 municipality, when the information disclosed is limited to (A) a list of
426 real or personal property that is or may be subject to property taxes in
427 such municipality, or (B) a list containing the name of each person who
428 is issued any license, permit or certificate which is required, under the
429 provisions of this title, to be conspicuously displayed and whose

430 address is in such municipality; (8) real estate conveyance tax return
431 information or controlling interest transfer tax return information to
432 the town clerk or an authorized representative of the chief executive
433 officer of a Connecticut municipality to which the information relates;
434 (9) estate tax returns and estate tax return information to the Probate
435 Court Administrator or to the court of probate for the district within
436 which a decedent resided at the date of the decedent's death, or within
437 which the commissioner contends that a decedent resided at the date
438 of the decedent's death or, if a decedent died a nonresident of this
439 state, in the court of probate for the district within which real estate or
440 tangible personal property of the decedent is situated, or within which
441 the commissioner contends that real estate or tangible personal
442 property of the decedent is situated; (10) returns or return information
443 to the (A) Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for
444 purposes of subsection (b) of section 12-7a, and (B) Office of Fiscal
445 Analysis for purposes of, and subject to the provisions of, subdivision
446 (2) of subsection (f) of section 12-7b; (11) return information to the Jury
447 Administrator, when the information disclosed is limited to the names,
448 addresses, federal Social Security numbers and dates of birth, if
449 available, of residents of this state, as defined in subdivision (1) of
450 subsection (a) of section 12-701; (12) returns or return information to
451 any person to the extent necessary in connection with the processing,
452 storage, transmission or reproduction of such returns or return
453 information, and the programming, maintenance, repair, testing or
454 procurement of equipment, or the providing of other services, for
455 purposes of tax administration; (13) without written request and
456 unless the commissioner determines that disclosure would identify a
457 confidential informant or seriously impair a civil or criminal tax
458 investigation, returns and return information which may constitute
459 evidence of a violation of any civil or criminal law of this state or the
460 United States to the extent necessary to apprise the head of such
461 agency or office charged with the responsibility of enforcing such law,
462 in which event the head of such agency or office may disclose such
463 return information to officers and employees of such agency or office
464 to the extent necessary to enforce such law; [(14) names and addresses

465 of operators, as defined in section 12-407, to tourism districts, as
466 defined in section 10-397; (15)] (14) names of each licensed dealer, as
467 defined in section 12-285, and the location of the premises covered by
468 the dealer's license; [(16)] (15) to a tobacco product manufacturer that
469 places funds into escrow pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of
470 section 4-28i, return information of a distributor licensed under the
471 provisions of chapter 214 or chapter 214a, provided the information
472 disclosed is limited to information relating to such manufacturer's
473 sales to consumers within this state, whether directly or through a
474 distributor, dealer or similar intermediary or intermediaries, of
475 cigarettes, as defined in section 4-28h, and further provided there is
476 reasonable cause to believe that such manufacturer is not in
477 compliance with section 4-28i; [(17)] (16) returns, which shall not
478 include a copy of the return filed with the commissioner, or return
479 information for purposes of section 12-217z; [(18)] (17) returns or
480 return information to the State Elections Enforcement Commission,
481 upon written request by said commission, when necessary to
482 investigate suspected violations of state election laws; and [(19)] (18)
483 returns or return information for purposes of, and subject to the
484 conditions of, subsection (e) of section 5-240.

485 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 32-1s of the general statutes is
486 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
487 *1, 2018*):

488 (b) Any order or regulation of the Connecticut Commission on
489 Culture and Tourism, which is in force on July 1, 2011, shall continue
490 in force and effect as an order or regulation of the Department of
491 Economic and Community Development until amended, repealed or
492 superseded pursuant to law. Where any order or regulation of said
493 commission or said department conflicts, the Commissioner of
494 Economic and Community Development may implement policies and
495 procedures consistent with the provisions of this section and sections
496 3-110f, 3-110h, 3-110i, 4-9a, 4-66aa, 4-89, 4b-53, 4b-60, 4b-64, 4b-66a, 5-
497 198, 7-147a, 7-147b, 7-147c, 7-147j, 7-147p, 7-147q, 7-147y, 8-37lll, 10-
498 382, 10-384, 10-385, 10-386, 10-387, 10-388, 10-389, 10-391, 10-392, 10-

499 393, [10-394,] 10-395, 10-396, [10-397, 10-397a,] 10-399, 10-400, 10-401,
500 10-402, 10-403, 10-404, 10-405, 10-406, 10-408, 10-409, 10-410, 10-411, 10-
501 412, 10-413, 10-414, 10-415, 10-416, 10-416a, 10-416b, 10-425, 10a-111a,
502 10a-112, 10a-112b, 10a-112g, 11-6a, 12-376d, 13a-252, 19a-315b, 19a-
503 315c, 22a-1d, 22a-19b, 22a-27s, 29-259, 32-6a, 32-11a and 32-35 while in
504 the process of adopting the policy or procedure in regulation form,
505 provided notice of intention to adopt regulations is printed in the
506 Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days after
507 implementation. The policy or procedure shall be valid until the time
508 final regulations are effective.

509 Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 32-6m of the 2018 supplement to
510 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
511 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

512 (b) The commissioner may, within available appropriations,
513 establish and administer a program to promote the marketing of
514 products produced in Connecticut for the purpose of encouraging the
515 development of manufacturing and production in the state. As part of
516 said program, the commissioner may (1) provide for the design, plan
517 and implementation of a multiyear, state-wide marketing and
518 advertising campaign, including, but not limited to, television and
519 radio advertisements, promoting the availability of, and advantages of
520 purchasing, Connecticut-made products, (2) establish and
521 continuously update an Internet web site connected with such
522 advertising campaign that includes, but is not limited to, a
523 comprehensive listing of Connecticut manufacturers, Connecticut-
524 made products and Connecticut retailers selling Connecticut-made
525 products, (3) direct Connecticut manufacturers and producers of
526 Connecticut-made products in need of assistance to the appropriate
527 economic development entity or state agency, and (4) conduct efforts
528 to promote interaction and business relationships between Connecticut
529 manufacturers and producers of Connecticut-made products and
530 retailers, marketers, chambers of commerce [, regional tourism
531 districts] and other potential institutional purchasers of Connecticut-
532 made products, including, but not limited to, (A) linking Connecticut

533 manufacturers and producers of Connecticut-made products with
 534 potential purchasers through a separate feature of the Internet web site
 535 established pursuant to this section, and (B) organizing state-wide or
 536 regional events promoting Connecticut manufacturers and producers
 537 of Connecticut-made products, where such manufacturers, producers
 538 and institutional purchasers are invited to participate. The
 539 commissioner shall use his or her best efforts to solicit cooperation and
 540 participation from Connecticut manufacturers, producers of
 541 Connecticut-made products, retailers, marketers [,] and chambers of
 542 commerce [and regional tourism districts] in such advertising,
 543 Internet-related and event planning efforts, including, but not limited
 544 to, soliciting private sector matching funds.

545 Sec. 11. Sections 10-394, 10-397, 10-397a, 10-397b and subdivision
 546 (93) of section 12-412 of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July*
 547 *1, 2018*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	4-230
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	5-259(i)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	7-425
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10-392(b)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10-393(a)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10-396
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10-399(b)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	12-15(b)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	32-1s(b)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	32-6m(b)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	Repealer section

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which eliminates the state's three statutorily designated regional tourism districts, has no direct fiscal impact. However, it should be noted that PA 17-2 of the June Special Session does include appropriations of \$1.2 million in total for the districts (\$400,000 for each of the three) in FY 19. Under this bill, these appropriations are superfluous.

Background on Appropriations

The regional tourism districts have received direct line-item appropriations in the state budget from FY 05 to FY 16. The districts did not receive funding in FY 17 or FY 18 as the Office of Policy and Management eliminated funding to achieve targeted lapse thresholds required by the revised FY 17 budget and the FY 18-19 biennial budget.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 264*****AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICTS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill eliminates the state's three statutorily designated regional tourism districts (see BACKGROUND) and related statutes and makes conforming technical changes.

It also makes minor changes to the tourism statutes. Current law requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to ensure that the three districts cooperate with each other. The bill instead requires the department to encourage and facilitate cooperation among the members of the state's tourism industry.

Lastly, the bill modifies the makeup of the 28-member Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee, which includes gubernatorial and legislative appointments. Under current law, each legislative leader must appoint a person with tourism industry knowledge and experience from a specified regional tourism district or anywhere in the state. The bill eliminates these geographic restrictions, thus allowing the leaders to appoint people with tourism industry knowledge and experience from anywhere in or outside Connecticut.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

BACKGROUND***Regional Tourism Districts***

Under current law, each regional tourism district promotes and markets the state as a regional travel destination to stimulate economic growth. Table 1 lists the municipalities that comprise each of the state's regional tourism districts.

Table 1: Regional Tourism Districts

<i>Eastern District</i>
Ashford, Bozrah, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, East Lyme, Eastford, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Hampton, Killingly, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Lyme, Mansfield, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Old Lyme, Plainfield, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Salem, Scotland, Sprague, Sterling, Stonington, Thompson, Union, Voluntown, Waterford, Willington, Windham, and Woodstock
<i>Central District</i>
Andover, Avon, Berlin, Bethany, Bloomfield, Bolton, Branford, Canton, Cheshire, Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Granby, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Hartford, East Haven, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Essex, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Guilford, Haddam, Hamden, Hartford, Hebron, Killingworth, Madison, Manchester, Marlborough, Meriden, Middlefield, Middletown, Milford, New Britain, New Haven, Newington, North Branford, North Haven, Old Saybrook, Orange, North Haven, Plainville, Portland, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Southington, , Stafford, Suffield, Tolland, Vernon, Wallingford, Westbrook, West Hartford, West Haven, Wethersfield, Windsor, Windsor Locks, and Woodbridge
<i>Western District</i>
Ansonia, Barkhamsted, Beacon Falls, Bethel, Bethlehem, Bridgeport, Bridgewater, Bristol, Brookfield, Burlington, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Danbury, Darien, Derby, Easton, Fairfield, Goshen, Greenwich, Hartland, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Middlebury, Monroe, Morris, Naugatuck, New Fairfield, New Canaan, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Norwalk, North Canaan, Oxford, Plymouth, Prospect, Redding, Ridgefield, Roxbury, Salisbury, Seymour, Sharon, Shelton, Sherman, Southbury, Stamford, Stratford, Thomaston, Torrington, Trumbull, Warren, Washington, Waterbury, Watertown, Weston, Westport, Wilton, Winchester, Wolcott, and Woodbury

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

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Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/22/2018)